

# State of South Dakota

## NINETIETH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2015

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1119

Introduced by: Representatives Haugaard, Beal, Brunner, Gibson, Heinemann (Leslie), Hickey, Hunt, Johns, Kaiser, Langer, Latterell, Marty, May, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Kent), Qualm, Russell, Stevens, and Verchio and Senators Rusch, Haggar (Jenna), Jensen (Phil), Lederman, Olson, and Rave

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain adoption proceedings regarding the adult  
2 adoption of biological children.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 25-6-18 be amended to read as follows:

5 25-6-18. An adult may adopt another adult by filing a petition requesting ~~such~~ the adoption  
6 with the judge of the circuit court, together with an agreement in writing that the person being  
7 adopted shall be treated in all respects as a natural child of the petitioner. Written consent of the  
8 adopted person shall also be required. It shall be a further prerequisite that the person being  
9 adopted shall have lived in the home of the adoptive parent during ~~his~~ the person's minority for  
10 a period of at least six months, and this fact shall appear in the petition. If the person being  
11 adopted is the biological child of the adoptive parent, the prerequisite of living in the home of  
12 the adoptive parent during the person's minority is waived.

